

COLONEL RICHARD "JAY" POOLE DEPUTY COMMANDER/ASSISTANT COMMANDANT U.S. ARMY QUARTERMASTER CENTER AND SCHOOL

Colonel Richard J. Poole entered the Army as a Quartermaster Second Lieutenant in 1982 through the ROTC program at Longwood College.

His initial assignment was with 1st Cavalry Division where he served as the Division Support Command, Headquarters and Headquarters Company Executive Officer. He moved to the 15th Supply and Transport Battalion as Petroleum Supply Platoon Leader, Main Supply Platoon Leader, and Battalion Adjutant. Colonel Poole then served at the US Army Quartermaster Center and School, Fort Lee, VA, commanding Tango and Echo Companies and serving as Aide-de-Camp to the 40th Quartermaster General. Colonel Poole was next assigned to the 8th Infantry Division in Europe as the Division Support Command Assistant Support Operations Officer, Chief of the General Supply Section and 1st Armored Division, Class IX Accountable Officer. Colonel Poole returned to 1st Cavalry Division as Division Support Command Support Operations Officer and Battalion Executive Officer of the 115th Forward Support Battalion. In 1996, COL Poole returned to Europe, serving in the IFOR Support Command as the Military Assistant to the Commander. Upon return from Croatia, COL Poole served in the Department of the Army, as the Executive Officer to the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics. He then served with the US Army Personnel Command (PERSCOM) as the QM LTC Assignment Officer and Deputy of the Combat Service Support Division. Colonel Poole next moved to Fort Benning, GA where he commanded the 203rd Forward Support Battalion. After command, Colonel Poole moved to the DC area where he was assigned to the Army Materiel Command, attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and culminated his tour on the Army G4 Staff. He was then assigned as Commander, 2d Division Support Command, Camp Casey, Korea in June 2004.

Colonel Poole's military education includes Airborne School, the Parachute Rigger Course, the Quartermaster Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, CAS3, the Logistics Executive Development Course, the US Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army Senior Service College.

Colonel Poole's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (50LC), the Army Commendation Medal (40LC), the Army Achievement Medal (30LC), the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and the NATO Medal. His badges include the Army Staff Badge, Parachute Rigger Badge, and the Army Parachutist Badge. He has also been awarded the Order of Saint Martin by the Quartermaster Corps, the Order of Saint Maurice by the Infantry Corps and the Order of Saint Barbara by the Field Artillery Corps.

Colonel Poole is married to the former Melanie D. Lowery. They have three daughters: Candice, Julie, and Heather.

Colonel Poole assumed the duties of the Assistant Commandant, US Army Quartermaster Center and School on 8 August 2005.

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